(c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. To make the thermal power plants pollution free and to increase their efficiency the Central Government initiated a scheme viz. Renovation & Modernisation (Phase-I). Which mainly covered installation of electrostatioc precipitators in the thermal stations. This scheme has already been implemented. Renovation and Modernisation (Phase-II) has been taken up for implementation since 1991 and is likely to be completed by the end of the 9th Plan period.

[English]

Expenditure Incurred on Film Division

2621. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on Films Division during the last two years;

(b) details of expenditure incurred separately in respect of wages to employees and cost of films produced;

(c) whether the working of Films Division is reviewed from time to time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) The details of expenditure incurred by Films Division during 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1995-96	1996-97	
I.	Production		
	(a) Cost of production	310.53	458.73
	(b) Wages	109.13	120.60
		419.66	579.33
II.	Distribution		
	(a) Cost of Distribution	828.43	748.50
	(b) Wages	381.98	422.20
		1210.41	1170.70
III.	Overheads	160.00	167.23
	Total expenditure (I + II + III)	1790.07	1917.26

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. On the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Communications, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Shyam Benegal, a noted film personality, has been constituted to review the objectives, functions and procedures of Films Division in all its aspects. The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31st October, 1997.

[Translation]

Construction of Over Bridge at Varanasi

2622. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the railway crossings in Varanasi cause disruption to road traffic thereby causing a lot of inconvenience to the road users; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Govenment to construct over bridges on the said railway crossings particularly at Madu, Aadih, Alaipura and Lahartara for the convenience of villagers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No , Sir.

(b) No proposals have been received from State Govt. for construction of Road Over Bridges on these level crossings.

[English]

Development of Software for Network

2623. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the software for networking arrangements at all locations where computerised reservations facilities made available has been developed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which all the State Capitals are likely to be brought under networking arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) A project has been undertaken for networking of the 5 computerised Passenger Reservation Systems of Calcutta, Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi and Secunderabad, the software for which has been developed. In the initial phase, the new software has been made operational in a stand-alone mode at the New Delhi and Secunderabad Systems. Preliminary testing has been undertaken for networking between these two Systems and this testing is in progress. It would be feasible to connect all locations having computerised reservations facilities, including State Capitals, only after the networking